

2310.01 Accessing the Michigan Environmental Science Board (MESB)

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SUBJECT: Accessing the Michigan Environmental Science Board (MESB).

APPLICATION: Governor's Office, Natural Resources Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Quality and other State agencies as directed by the Governor.

PURPOSE: Provides the procedure by which the Governor and others in State government may access scientific and technical expertise in matters relating to environmental protection and natural resources management.

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SUMMARY: Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units seeking MESB review and comment on specific environmental protection and natural resources management issues may access the MESB by submitting a written request to the Governor's office.
On request by the MESB, Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units are responsible for providing the MESB with comments on State and federal environmental impact statements, and information and/or staff testimony on environmental protection and natural resources management issues and concerns as requested by the Governor.

APPLICABLE FORMS: None.

PROCEDURES:

Agency:

- Submits written notification to the Governor's office requesting MESB's review and expertise on management issues affecting specific environmental protection and natural resource issues.

Governor's Office:

- On receipt of agency request, may petition the MESB to review and comment on the outlined areas of concern.
- May request the MESB to review and comment on State or federal environmental impact statements or on an environmental protection or natural resources management issue or concern.

MESB:

- Establishes a panel of 1 to 9 MESB members who have expertise related to the issue or concern.
- Requests affected or requesting agency to provide background information and/or staff testimony to the MESB Panel.

Agency:

- Provides the MESB panel with requested background information and arranges to have knowledgeable staff present at an MESB panel meeting.

MESB Panel:

- Holds a meeting, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, to review information on the issue or concern, to listen to agency staff and other expert or public testimony, and to develop comments and recommendations.

MESB:

- Forwards the MESB panel's comments, findings and/or recommendations to the Governor and to affected agencies as directed by the Governor.

Governor's Office:

- May implement or request affected agency to implement MESB comments, findings and/or recommendations.

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